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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 0166

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SUBJ: LIBREVILLE INPORT PLANNING

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1. PRESIDENT BONGO'S OFFICE INFORMED CHARGE 1330 JANUARY 21 THAT BONGO HAS APPROVED FEBRUARY 16-18 LIBREVILLE PORT VISIT. LIEUTENANT COLONEL FIRMIN NGARI, DIRECTOR OF CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT'S AIDES DE CAMP, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED GABONESE LIASON FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WITH AUTHORITY TO PASS ON AT LEAST SOME ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. AS NGARI HAS CONSTANT ACCESS TO PRESIDENT BONGO, WHO ALSO HOLDS MINISTRY NATIONAL DEFENSE PORTFOLIO, HE IS EXCELLENT SELECTION FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. GIVEN LATENESS GOG APPROVAL PORT VISIT, EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT PRELIMINARY RESPONSE REFTEL INCLUDING TENTATIVE INPORT SCHEDULE AFTER CHARGE'S INITIAL VISIT WITH NGARI, MONDAY JANUARY 23.

2. UNLESS GOG ANNOUNCES VISIT, BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO HAVE PROGRAM APPROVED BY GABONESE BEFORE LARGE AND JEALOUS RESIDENT FRENCH MILITARY COMMUNITY HAS CHANCE FOCUS ON IMPRESSIVENESS
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DISPLAY OF AMERICAN MILITARY CAPABILITY IN STORE FOR LIBREVILLE. FYI DURING VISIT BELGIAN NAVAL VESSEL GODETIA EARLIER THIS YEAR, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR DEALT PRIMARILY WITH FRENCH OFFICERS SECONDED TO GABONESE MILITARY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. END FYI WE WILL OF COURSE WISH INFORM OUR FRENCH ALLIES OF IMPENDING VISIT, AND PERHAPS EVEN EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT EXERCISES WITH THEM AS WELL AS GABONESE AS SUGGESTED BY DAO KINSHASA, AT APPROPRIATE TIME.YATES

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